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## ***Councilmembers Call For Cap on Medical Cannabis Businesses***

**San Jose, CA** – Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen and Councilmembers Rose Herrera, Sam Liccardo, and Pete Constant have called for a limit on the number of medical cannabis businesses citywide and shutting down all other marijuana businesses in San Jose. The City's Rules Committee will hear the proposal tomorrow, March 9<sup>th</sup> and if approved, will send it to the full City Council on March 29, 2011.

"Enough is enough. The problems with having an excess of medical marijuana sales in San Jose outweigh any benefit," said Councilmember Rose Herrera. "The increase in crime, drain on City services, and gray area of the law in which they operate is too great to think any taxes collected make it worth having over 100 shops."

The proposal will do three things. First, enable the City to establish a maximum number (cap) of 10 medical marijuana collectives permitted to operate within the City, two, create a streamlined application process for collectives to operate legally, and three, all other medical marijuana collectives beyond the cap shall stop operations within a specified time period.

"There's no reason to continue to burden our community, strain our Code Enforcement and Police Departments with the current volume and regulatory indecision of the issue. Also, medical marijuana businesses need clarity and certainty in this process," said Councilmember Sam Liccardo.

Concurrently, the Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support Committee is establishing the zoning and land use regulations. Councilmember Pete Constant is the chairman of the committee and co-author of this proposal. Both processes will result in clarity of process and strengthened regulatory authority.

Since Council initially took up the issue of marijuana distribution in San Jose, the number of marijuana dispensaries in San Jose has skyrocketed to over 100. The proliferation of these

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dispensaries has sparked complaints from residents and businesses, however, there has been no substantial response from the City for a number of reasons from lack of enforcement resources to uncertainty and confusion about legal standards.

To view the proposal, click here:

<http://www.sanjosca.gov/clerk/CommitteeAgenda/Rules/20110309/rules20110309a.pdf>

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